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Others, only less fortunate in that they have profited by his publications and by the spreading influence of the master upon other teachers, will join in the rejoicing of his pupils that it has been granted him to continue far beyond the proverbial three score years and ten his fruitful activity as teacher and author, and lives to crown it with a worthy monument, in which he sums up and enshrines it all.<sup>1</sup>

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*Travels and Studies in the Nearer East* (Cornell Expedition to Asia Minor and the Assyro-Babylonian Orient). Vol. I, Part II, Hittite Inscriptions, by A. T. OLMSTEAD, B. B. CHARLES, J. E. WRENCH.

The members of the Cornell Expedition to Asia Minor have rendered a most excellent service to scholars in preparing what will undoubtedly be for many years the standard edition of the Hittite hieroglyphic inscriptions. Everyone knows how rapidly such inscriptions are disappearing before the ravages of time—and natives with an eye for the artistic possibilities of inscribed stones for the decoration of the walls of their houses and mosques. Every effort, therefore, to obtain more accurate copies of what still remains of these inscriptions deserves the highest praise. Without doubt the full value of this work, as well as its faults, will become apparent when we finally have a key for the decipherment of the Hittite hieroglyphs. It is most regrettable that the members of the expedition did not make use of some of the simple devices of the photographer for the regulation of the amount of light and the direction of its fall upon the surfaces to be photographed. As a result, the photographs of the inscriptions afford little or no help in determining the accuracy of the copies which this work has put at the disposal of scholars.

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XAPITEΣ Friedrich Leo zum sechzigsten Geburtstag dargebracht. Berlin: Weidmann'sche Buchhandlung, 1911. Pp. 490.

It would be more gracious to extend greetings to the distinguished scholar than to review the substantial volume which his pupils of the last two decades now offer him as the fruits of his instruction. By written as well as spoken word Leo has been a potent influence in this country; many Americans would be glad to join in the general congratulations.

The volume testifies to the broad interests of the master; a few fields of knowledge are represented only by a single article: linguistics in H. Jacob-

<sup>1</sup> Since these words were written report has been received of the death of Professor Vahlen, November 30, 1911.